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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RH

SUBJ: MY MEETING WITH TANZER

FOR EASUM FROM STEVENSON

CAPE TOWN FOR EMB

REF: STATE 255199

1. FYI: MY MEETING WITH TANZER WAS DISCREET, JUST THE TWO OF US AT MY RESIDENCE AND I DO NOT SEE ANY REALISTIC BASIS FOR CONCERN THAT THIS CONTACT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS OFFICIAL CONSULTATION WITH SMITH REGIME. TANZER IS A STRONG OPPONENT OF SMITH, WAS ELECTED MAYOR BY HIS FELLOW COUNCILMEN AND IS IN NO WAY AN OFFICIAL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. I DECLINED AN INVITATION FROM THE MALAWIAN MAYOR OF BLANTYRE TO ATTEND A DINNER IN TANZER'S HONOR SENSING THAT THIS COULD POSSIBLY GIVE WRONG IMPRESSION ABOUT OUR GENERAL POSTURE TOWARDS RHODESIA. I FEEL QUITE DIFFERENTLY ABOUT PRIVATE MEETING, AND JUDGE FROM GENERAL LACK OF INFORMATION RE RHODESIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS DISPLAYED AT OUR RECENT LUSAKA MEETING, SHOULD THINK WE SHOULD
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FOLLOW UP ON ALL OPPORTUNITIES OF THIS NATURE EVEN WERE SOME

SLIGHT RISK PRESENT, WHICH I DO NOT BELIEVE CORRECT IN THIS CASE. MOREOVER, I WOULD THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE SEEK OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS THIS TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO LIBERAL-THINKING RHODESIANS WHO ARE AT THIS TIME DISPONDENT AND DISCOURAGED.

2. I KNOW YOU ARE VERY BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS NOW BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER ATTENTION TO THIS SUBJECT AFTER YOUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON.
STEVENSON

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